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FIRST DAY SESSION.

The Harmony Baptist Association met in its Sixty-Ninth Session with Camden Baptist Church, Madison County, October 24th, 1919, at 2 P. M.

After singing, "How Firm a Foundation" G. W. Nutt read part of 118 Psalms and John Thompson led in prayer, after which the Moderator called the body to order and appointed the following committees:

Committee on enrollment—J. W. McKay and W. S. Ashcroft.

Committee on Finance—H. G. Williams, P. W. Berry and O. B. Thornton. The Moderator appointed Brethren J. P. Gober and R. H. Atkerson as tellers to take the vote of the body for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. The election resulted in the election of T. G. Ward, Moderator; G. W. Nutt, Clerk and Treasurer.

Correspondence was called for. Bryan Simmons from Convention Board, J. P. Gober, from Central Association.

Correspondence returned—Resolved: That any member of any Church in this Association is hereby authorized to represent us in any body of Baptists.

Petitionary letters called for. None present.

The body then adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

After song and prayer, the appointee, T. G. Ward, preached the introductory sermon from 35th verse of the 8th Chapter of Acts. Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 A. M.

2nd DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order. John Thompson read the 107th division of Psalms; John Robinson led the body in prayer.

The committee on Nomination was appointed as follows: J. P. Gober, R. H. Atkerson and John Shernard.

Committee on Digest of Letters—A. M. Thomas, H. G. Williams.

The reports on Missions were called for. G. W. Nutt read the report on State Missions. The other brethren who were appointed to write on Home and Foreign Missions were not present with their reports. Missions was ably discussed by Bryan Simmons and after round table discussions on 75 Million Campaign, report was adopted.

ADJOURNED FOR DINNER.

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is achieve obedience in carrying out the commissions of our Lord; State Missions is co-operative work of Missionary Baptists within the State to win the lost to Christ and to teach the saved that they are saved for service. We are glad to note that there is a growth in our State Mission work over last year. Our State Missions work is divided as follows: Pastorial Support, Church Buildings, Sunday School Work, B. Y. P. U. Work, Budget and Laymen's Work, Church to Church Campaign, Bible Schools and Woman's work. We are keeping 12 General Missionaries in the field, assisting over 200 Churches to pay their pastors, co-operating with the General Association, doing special work among the Indians, assisting 30 Churches to build houses of worship. We expended last year for State Missions \$44,494.03. We have

in Mississippi 170 thousand white Baptists, 16 hundred Churches and 58 Associations.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. NUTT...

2nd DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song service and prayer by John Thompson the body was called to order.

On motion the report on Christian Education be adopted, which is as follows:

By Christian Education is meant not the education of Christians only, for we believe in the education of all, neither do we mean that unregenerate people are modeled into Christians by the process of education; for we believe in Salvation by grace; but we do believe that education consists in developing the entire man—and that the building and developing of character, together with the teaching of certain fundamental truths and principles is the foundation upon which all true education rests. Because these things are not vouchsafed to us through State and private institutions of learning, we as a denomination believe it to be our imperative duty to build, equip and control Baptist Colleges and schools. To secure these advantages to all whom we may enlist.

To this end we have in Mississippi, Mississippi College for boys; the Woman's College at Hattiesburg and Blue Mountain for girls; Clark Memorial College for boys and girls.

We hope the putting over of 75 Million Campaign will so enlarge and equip these institutions that every boy and girl who wants an education at these schools may be provided for.

Respectfully,
P. C. BARRETT.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the Association meet with Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Edinburg. We further recommend that John Thompson preach the introductory sermon and P. C. Barrett his alternate, and T. G. Ward go as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, and G. W. Nutt as one member of the Convention Board, if the former member's time has expired.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The women are and have ever been the chief agencies for the promotion of civilization and Christianity. They are the keeper of our homes, the trainers of our children in the home, and for the most part in the Sunday Schools and Secular Schools, and one of the chief sources of spiritual power in our Churches.

The Woman's Missionary Union is composed of the women of the Church of the Southern Baptist Convention, independent of the Convention, but co-operating in every way with the Convention. Every State has its own W. M. U. and many of the Associations and Churches have organizations. Mrs. A. J. Aven of Clinton, is the president of the Mississippi W. M. U. and Miss M. M. Lackey of Jackson is the corresponding secretary.

The chief work of the women is to co-operate. Besides their beautiful and worthy cooperation, they initiated the movement among Southern Baptists to build and equip the Missionary training school for the education and training of young women who were called to go as Missionaries at Louisville, Ky., also the training school at the South Western Seminary at Ft. Worth, Texas.

They also promoted and encouraged young women's auxilleries, Girls' Auxilleries, Royal Ambassadors for the boys and in the Churches, and Sunbeams for the children.

In the great 75 Million Campaign the women have accepted one fifth of the 75 millions as their quota and will raise it, and more. They will see to it, that every woman in the twentyfive thousand Churches is interested and informed about all the Missionary benevolent and educational enterprises of the denomination.

We recommend that the pastors of this Association make earnest efforts to organize the women in every church and give them a chance to minister to the Savior, as in other days, and as they are so nobly and worthily doing in many Churches today.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. ROBINSON.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

By Ministerial Relief is meant the support of aged ministers and widows of ministers whose lives and means have been spent to further the Master's cause. Twenty-one of these are at present receiving help from the State Board. We are able to pay them only ten dollars per month, a sum barely sufficient to provide them food. For clothing they have to look elsewhere. When we support Missions or Colleges and Hospitals we are making an investment. When we support aged ministers we are paying debt. It is unsound finance to make an investment for the provisions for payments of debts have not been made. It is certainly not commendable in our Churches to treat carelessly or with indifference this call for our needy brethren.

Respectfully,
C. H. CHAMBLEE.

Adjourned to meet 7:30 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

After song by congregation and prayer by Bryan Simmons, the Moderator called the body to order.

Report on Hospital was read by John Thompson.

Discussed by John Thompson and Bryan Simmons and adopted.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITALS.

The Baptists of Mississippi own and control one hospital in Jackson, Miss. and a one-third interest in the Tri-State Hospital at Memphis, Tenn. While it is true that your committee has neither data nor statistics by which to submit to this body an elaborate and detailed report, nevertheless, it is true that these two institutions of mercy and healing are in a good condition financially, and spiritually; and yet let it not be forgotten that this statement does not imply that either one of these splendid institutions are self-supporting by any means, but that these institutions are upon Baptists as divine cares committed to us in the interests of unfortunate, suffering, humanity, who, in many instances, are financially unable to have the treatment necessary to the saving of their bodies. This Mississippi Baptists have provided for to the present by their contributions that go to them, and that will go to them more systematically through the 75,000,000 dollars that will be raised for such purposes not only to our joy, but to the glory of our risen Lord.

In addition to the charitable purpose and feature of these institutions, the privilege of paying for treatment is also a great factor that of itself has very much helped in the treatment of the poor who our Savior said would always be with us.

It is true that these hospitals are owned and con-

trolled by Baptists and always will be, but denominationally, no one is barred from any benefits that these institutions are able to bring to bear upon anyone who may need assistance, therefore, we respectfully ask the right consideration for these institutions by all right thinking people.

As Baptists, your committee regrets to say, and yet it is true, that too many of our people have been too negligent of these institutions to such an extent that when they have needed hospital service, they have thoughtlessly turned to other institutions for the service that their own denomination is able to give. Brethren, this thing ought not so to be among us—rather we should in every instance possible stand by the interests which are fostered by us and that too, at a great sacrifice by the Saints of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. THOMPSON.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Report discussed by Bryan Simmons and John Thompson and adopted.

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Lack of activity is usually accountable for by lack of information. No one can be interested in work he knows nothing about; and, as the printed page is for the dissemination of information, we would recommend a wider circulation of the denominational publications, which are many and meritorious. This can be accomplished by greater activity on the part of pastors with the co-operation of the reading members.

In many homes not a single religious publication, and in some instances, not even a Bible, can be found. In view of this fact, it would be well to place a solicitor in the field and keep him there until the Bible and one

or more denominational publications are placed in every Baptist home within the bounds of this Association. The work, no doubt, will be self-sustaining, not to bring into account the good that will result.

Respectfully,
M. M. KEITH.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Reports discussed by the brethren and adopted.

We believe the work caring for the helpless is according to the teaching of our Savior. So we have located in Jackson, Miss., a Mississippi Baptist Orphanage which has been in successful operation for 21 years. This home takes the orphan child in its helpless condition, gives it food and clothing, care and training, and supplies as far as possible, what it has lost in its home and parents. It furnishes opportunity for proper physical and moral development and mental and industrial training; training that will fit them to be bread winners and good citizens and for useful lives. We have now in the home 200 children that must be clothed, fed and trained.

Since the founding of our institution 805 children have been cared for.

There have been about 95 adopted into good Christian homes, and a goodly number have grown up and gone out to make homes for themselves. We learn from the superintendent that they have passed through many sieges of different diseases but that all came through sound and well.

It is costing more to feed and clothe them now than in normal times. We also recommend that food supplies of all kinds be sent by our churches, and let us not forget in our prayers to remember our little ones and those who care for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

After song and the reading the 19th Psalm by G. W. Nutt and prayer by Prof Berry the body was called to order.

Report on Sunday schools was read by John Thompson, discussed by John Thompson, Bryan Simmons and Prof. Berry and adopted.

Sunday Schools.

The real Sunday School is an organization that came into existence about the middle of the 15th Century, and as a human system, had as its object the study and teaching of the Scripture, not only to young children and youth, but also to people of mature life—even to old age, whose disadvantages kept them from assembling at the more central places of worship where the Scriptures were more perfectly expounded by the gospel preached.

This custom and course has been pursued to the present, to such an extent that generally speaking, Sunday Schools not only exist in houses of worship, but also in school houses, and in some instances, in private homes, so, that, if every person, young or old, is not convenient to and in the full enjoyment and facility of a well organized, well working Sunday School, then surely, there must have developed in such people a very strong disinclination to study the only book, the Bible, that God ever gave to man by which he might know all things that God has determined and set forth concerning every object of His Creation.

As a people denominationally, who contend for, and practice strict adherence and loyalty to the Bible, we are conscious of the wonderful influence and vast amount of good the Sunday School is exerting and doing for the present and rising generation, not only in our own sphere and community, but at large, there-

fore, often wonder who, in keeping with the privilege, and opportunity for Sunday School service, there is not manifested more thorough interest in teaching the Scripture, to not only our own, but also to others, than there is especially so, on the part of competent brethren, to the extent of seeing that, if possible there is not a community of their knowledge in which there is not a well organized, well working Sunday School.

That this spirit and purpose should possess every member of every church of this Association, will not be questioned. We are sure, which, if it were true, there would not be in this Association, a church, a school house, nor a private home in which there would not be a good, live Sunday School according to necessity. And, if it is true that the Sunday School is the profitable organization in all of its phases that it is claimed to be, which it is, then, brethren, why do we not address ourselves to the task that is before us, with a purpose to do through the Sunday School, all the good we can.

Your committee regrets very much the undue and unwise emphasis, that has been, and is being put upon the Sunday School, as a human organization, and its work, to such an extent that, it is claimed by many, many, Baptists not only laymen, but also preachers, and especially our Sunday School specialists, that "The Sunday School is of the church and is in the church," that "The Sunday School is the teaching service of the church," that, "The Sunday School is the church at work," that, "The Sunday School is the church's committee," and that for these and other reasons likewise, "The church or churches should control the Sunday School." Your very close attention is asked, brethren, while your committee very respectfully informs you that such statements are not only contrary to the policy of Baptists, but are the opposite to the plain teaching of the Bible, therefore, should not be taught

in any Sunday School that under any consideration carries the appellation, "Baptist," for such policy and doctrines come from the very depths of Roman Catholicism, and is more than dangerous, yes, is even destructive to the faith we contend for as a liberty loving people.

The Sunday School is the Sunday School pure and simple in either the singular or plural sense, nothing more, nothing less. Why, therefore, try to teach our children that, being members of the church, notwithstanding many of them are yet unsaved? The Sunday School as a human organization is nothing more than any other admissable, moral organization, and is no more church of Jesus Christ, than a church of Jesus Christ is the Sunday School conducted in a church's house of worship. Sunday School work is not church work or service, Sunday School work is Christian work or service that is needing more of God's people engaged in that a greater amount of good may be done to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. THOMPSON.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved: That the thanks of this body are hereby due and tendered to this community for kindness and hospitality during our sojourn in their midst,

Resolved: That the clerk of the Association be allowed to have the necessary minutes published for the churches and that he be paid \$15.00 for his services out of the general fund,

Resolved: That the clerk call upon the churches for the necessary funds to pay the expenses of our messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention,

Resolved: That the Association meet in her next session Friday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1920.

REPORT ON ENROLLMENT

Bethel..W. S. Ashcroft.
 Camden—J. W. McKay, P. W. Berry, R. H. Atkerson,
 John Sherrod.
 Carthage.
 Cedar Grove.
 Center Hill.
 Cross Roads.
 Friendship—T. G. Ward and wife.
 Freeny.
 Good Hope (M)—R. S. Barnett.
 Good Hope (L)—G. W. Nutt and Wife.
 Laurel Hill.
 Mt. Carmel.
 Mt. Zion—A. M. Thomas.
 Midway.
 New Hope.
 New Providence—S. W. Waggoner and wife.
 Pleasant Hill.
 Plymouth.
 Pleasant Grove.
 Rocky Point.
 Salem.
 Stump Ridge.
 Standing Pine.
 Springfield.
 Tuscola.
 Thomastown—John Thompson, H. G. Williams.
 Wake Forest.
 Walnut Grove.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We, your committee on Digest of Letters, beg to submit the following report:

Pastor's Salary.....	\$2450.00
Increase in Membership.....	93
Decrease in Membership.....	67
Total Membership.....	2168
Sunday School Expenses.....	\$6 8.04
Missions	838.35
Orphanage	81.10
Christian Education.....	27.45
Ministerial Relief.....	13.45

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Hospitals	22.51
Visiting Ministers.....	531.10
Mniute Fund.....	51.20
Incidentals	108.15
Other Objects.....	
Building and Repairs.....	727.10
Churches Represented..	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. W. Barnett in account with Harmony Baptist Association

RECEIPTS

Oct. 28—Received of Finance Committee.....	\$140.00
Oct. 28—Received from Churches, 1918.....	37.74
Total.....	\$177.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Oct 28—Paid John Thompson.....	\$17.00
Paid Printer for Minutes	32.50
Clerk.....	15.00
Paid J. B. Lawrence.....	42.00
Postage.....	3.00
Paid Clerk.....	15.00
Handed G. W. Nutt.....	68.24

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

John Thompson.....	Lena, Miss.
T. G. Ward.....	Lena, Miss.
A. M. Barnett.....	Carthage, Miss.
B. H. Weems.....	Carthage, Miss.
B. F. Odom.....	Conway, Miss.
R. C. Barham.....	Dixon, Miss.
R. B. Gunter.....	Carthage, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

A. M. Langston.....	Walnut Grove, Miss.
Will Crow.....	Dossville, Miss.

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